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Mr. Clyde N. Thompson, Forest Supervisor
United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
200 Sycamore Street
Elkins, WV 26241

Re: Final Environmental Impact Statement Lower Williams Project Area (LWPA), Vegetation Management and Wildlife Habitat Improvements, Monongahela National Forest January 2009 Webster County, WV CEQ#20090020

Dear Mr. Thomson:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the above referenced project. EPA assigned the Supplemental Draft EIS (SDEIS) a rating of EC-2 (Environmental Concerns/Insufficient Information), which indicates that we had environmental concerns regarding the proposal and that there was insufficient information in the document to fully assess the environmental impacts of the project. Based on our review of the FEIS, EPA has no objections to this project.

As stated in our May 5, 2008 comments on the SDEIS, an Executive Summary would be helpful to the reader and the Preferred Alternative and its impacts should be clearly identified in the document. Tables should include relevant data for the Preferred Alternative so comparisons can be made.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at (215)814-3330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara Okorn", is written above the typed name.

Barbara Okorn
Office of Environmental Programs

